

Message to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Pagan and Capt. Lyman attend his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him, that the House has met, and wait his commands.

Message from his Excellency.

A message from his Excellency, requiring the attendance of the House, in the Council Chamber.

House attended His Excellency.

Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended; and being returned, reported that his Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both Houses :

“Gentlemen of the Council,
“And Gentlemen of the Assembly,

His Excellency's speech to the Council and Assembly.

“I HAVE deferred your meeting in General Assembly till this season of the year, supposing it might be the time when your attendance on your public duty would be least inconvenient to your private affairs; and I have the satisfaction to inform you that, by your provident attention, in former sessions, to the various exigencies of this infant colony, the business I have at present to recommend to your deliberation is reduced to little more than the renewal of those temporary laws which require to be re-enacted with such additions or amendments as may, from time to time, be found expedient.

“I shall only observe that the communication with Fredericton by proper roads seems indispensable, and I would therefore recommend it for your further encouragement.

“Gentlemen,

“The re-established health of our most gracious sovereign having been the subject of general rejoicing and thanksgiving throughout his happy dominions, I most heartily congratulate you on the preservation of a life so justly dear to the loyal American colonists. Long may they enjoy his parental protection! And by continuing their present successful exertions soon make their situation in this thriving province answer the royal wish in their favour.”

Bill read.

Read the first time a Bill in addition to an Act for regulating high ways, roads, and bridges.

On motion made and seconded,

Motion for an address.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Robert Pagan, Col. Billopp, Capt. Lyman, and Major Coffin are appointed for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded.

Resolved,